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MARCH 8, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | ARTIST: MARCANTONIO FRANCESCHINI

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fr. Jack's Reassignment - As you know, the sad news that Fr. Jack is leaving us so soon means that some of us need inner healing and therapy. Besides that, this is also a moment to reflect on the promise of obedience that a priest makes when he is ordained. When a man promises obedience to a bishop it is a means of surrendering himself entirely to Christ and to the mission Jesus has given to His Church. The priest lays down his life and said to Jesus, "My life is not my own. It's yours. I'll go where you send me." Watching Fr. Jack live out this reality has been very uplifting for me and a good reminder that my life is not my own; this is true for all of us in many ways. Pray for him and that we will get another priest as excited about serving God's people.

The Woman at the Well - John 4 is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible because it is a story about someone being surprised by joy at meeting Jesus. The woman at the well began her day as a social outcast, whose life had been a story of many broken relationships. Her day ended with an incredulous joy at meeting the one whose love alone can satisfy the deepest longings of her heart. Before the day is even over, she is an evangelist, drawing everyone to come and meet Jesus; that is a good day, maybe one of the best days anyone has ever had. To be sure, she had a lot more to learn after that day and many things to change in life, but that was the day she realized that true joy was even a possibility for her. So many people no longer believe this about their own lives; they think that because of what has happened or what they have done wrong, that joy is not possible for them anymore. Jesus wants to walk into their lives and surprise them with joy, and He wants to use us to do that. He says that His food is "to do the will of His Father" so that we will also adopt this attitude ourselves and take our strength from doing God's will- in this case, seeking the lost.

God Bless You,
Fr. Dan

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

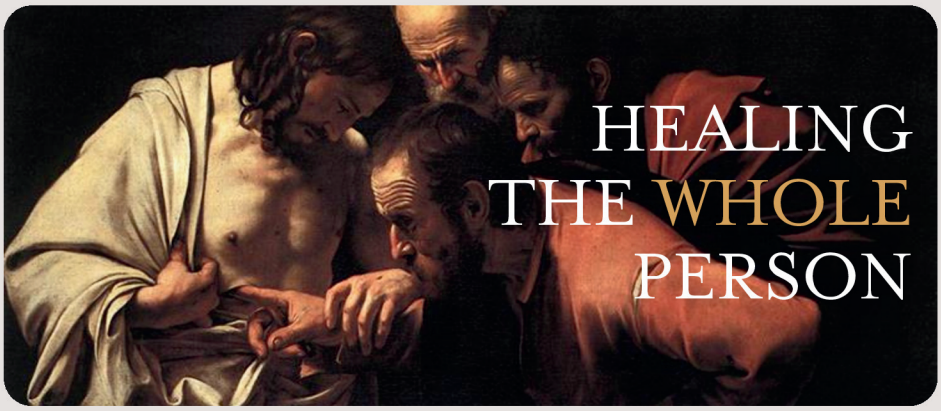
ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

Join Us This Spring!



Encounter the Risen Christ this Easter Season and receive His healing and new life!

WHAT IS IT:
Healing the Whole Person is an 8-week series from the *John Paul II Healing Center* that invites you to explore the human heart, the wounds we carry, and the healing Christ desires to bring. Through video teachings from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, you'll be guided in reflection and prayer to receive Christ's healing love in your life.

WHEN IS IT:
Tuesday Evenings, April 14 - June 2
7:00–9:00 PM

WHO'S IT FOR:
For anyone desiring wholeness, freedom and an encounter with a loving Creator. Those who have participated in previous sessions are very welcome to return and go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

SCAN TO REGISTER:

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

"What we GIVE is what we have FROM the Lord" 1 Chronicles 29:14

Please scan the QR code or visit www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal to make a life-changing gift to DSA today!

SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

WORSHIP NIGHT

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

Join us for our Lenten Worship Night. Come adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and praise Him through powerful worship music. Experience a dynamic, Spirit-filled evening rooted in the Lord's presence. Confession will be available.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

EXODUS 90 - FRATERNITY MORNINGS

EVERY SATURDAY
JANUARY 17TH - MARCH 28TH
6:30am
downstairs in the Parish Life Center

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

Save the Date

MAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

Due to Good Friday and Holy Saturday falling on the first Friday and Saturday of April, we will resume All-Night Adoration in May.

Lent 2026

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 AT ST. JOSEPH - 3PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross invite us to walk with Christ in His Passion—not as observers, but as companions. Join us this Lent as we pray them together as a parish community.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 7PM

SJB LENTEN FASTING & PRAYER INTENTIONS

All parishioners are invited to sign up for one day of fasting and prayer during Lent for our Diocese and our parish.

Our Lenten intentions: the needs of Bishop Earl Boyea; vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese; the grace of deeper conversion for all at St. John the Baptist; and the advance of God's Kingdom in Ypsilanti.

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE.

Easter Triduum Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY-EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration

6 PM | Mass

7:30 PM | Adoration at the Altar of Repose

In the Parish Gathering Space

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

No Daily Mass, Confession, or Adoration

3 PM | Liturgy

7 PM | Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY-THE EASTER VIGIL

No Daily Mass and Confession

9 PM | Mass

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9 AM & 11 AM | Mass

The Parish Office, will be closed on Thursday, April 2 - Monday, April 6.

CAMPUS MINISTRY WORSHIP NIGHT BLESSINGS

We recently held our second worship night of the semester, and it was a truly anointed evening. The night began with a fun icebreaker and a teaching from one of our students, Michael, who shared about the heart of worship. We then entered into a powerful time of praise, followed by a message from Fr. Dan on seeking security in the Father. The evening continued with more worship, a eucharistic procession, and prayer teams.

These worship nights are powerful opportunities for our students to encounter Jesus, give glory to God, and tangibly experience His love. Thank you for your continued prayers, they make a real and lasting impact on our ministry and students.

GET CONNECTED!

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"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

March 9th.....Prayer - Devotions / Adoration

March 16th.....Redemptive Suffering / Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

March 23rd.....No Class

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

FAMILY POTLUCK & MOVIE AFTERNOON

Families are warmly invited to a community potluck and movie afternoon! Bring a dish to share, build friendships, and enjoy time together as we watch the story of a biblical hero brought to life on screen. Join us for both the potluck and movie or just the movie. Scan the QR code to watch the trailer and get excited!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
1:30 PM - POTLUCK
2:30 PM - SHOWING OF DAVID
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

2026 ROSE MASS FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS

All Catholic healthcare professionals are invited to attend the 2026 Rose Mass, celebrated by Bishop Boyea, with a dinner reception to follow featuring remarks by Dr. Bob Collins on "Hope and Healing in the Modern Medical Center." Come be inspired by Dr. Collins' story as he reflects on his journey from an agnostic physician to embracing medicine as a vocation and a call to participate in God's love.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
5PM MASS, DINNER TO FOLLOW
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, ANN ARBOR

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

PRAYER VIGIL TO END ABORTION

FEBRUARY 18TH - MARCH 29TH
7AM - 7PM DAILY
3100 Professional Drive, Ann Arbor

Scan the QR code to sign up for vigil hours or stop by as you are able.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

PRO-LIFE MASS, HOLY HOUR & EUCHARISITIC PROCESSION

Gather at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church for 9AM Mass, followed by exposition, a Eucharistic Procession to the U of M Diag returning to the church for Benediction.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSICAL (SJC) HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS 2026- 2027

New family registration begins April 1.

Grades 1–8: Faith-filled grammar program supporting academic and spiritual growth.
Grades 9–12: High school support classes in Biology, Chemistry, Civics, Theology, Literature, Quilting, and Carpentry, meeting once per week on Mon/Wed/Fri.

Contact Anna Nowaczewski: annan@sjypsi.com for calendar, class descriptions, and schedule.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

You're invited to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI)—a 10–15 minute survey that helps diocesan and parish leadership reflect on discipleship and identify key strengths and opportunities. Your feedback will help guide future planning and priorities so our parish and diocese can better support people in knowing, loving, and serving Christ. Thank you for taking the time to participate!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH
12:15 PM: Intentions of Fr. Dan Kogut
Requested by Mary Tillotson

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH
6:00 PM: †Howard P, Lenhardt Jr.
Requested by KofC 3230

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Steve & Louise Nedwicki

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of the Firn Godchildren
Requested by Joe & Mary Firn

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
8:00 AM: †Don Kobish
Requested by Sandi Kobish

5 PM: †Stephanie Davis
Requested by Sharon Zielinski

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH
9:00 AM: †Rosemary Dick
Requested by Family

11 AM: People of the Parish

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

GIVE ONLINE

ypsicatholic.org/give

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV FOR LENT 2026, 13.02.2026

LISTENING AND FASTING:
LENT AS A TIME OF CONVERSION

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening
This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry” (Ex 3:7). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. We must recognize that “the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church.”[1]

Fasting
If Lent is a time for listening, fasting is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we “hunger” for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our “appetites,” keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfilment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: “In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity.”[2] Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because “those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly.”[3] As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since “austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic.”[4]

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
MARCH 14TH & MARCH 15TH

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	Christine Sullivan	Steve Uram
Jeff Decker	Need Volunteer	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Lee Michna	Need Volunteer	John Urbanic
Roger Michna	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	John Belleba	Andy Winnie
Need Volunteer	Marie Lenhardt	Wendy Winnie
LECTORS		
Ellen Gibson	Rebecca Lussier	Gary Czupinski
Maggie Sell	Sarah Scholl	Shelly Czupinksi
SACRISTAN		
Therese Lasswell	Liz Richards	Melissa Florian
ALTAR SERVERS		
Need Volunteer	Kellan Gentit	Roger Meyer
Need Volunteer	Mathias Gentit	Thomas Meyer
Need Volunteer	Need Volenteer	Alex Uram

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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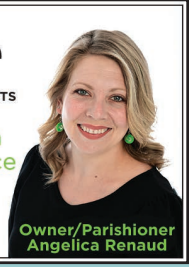
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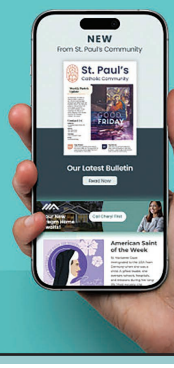

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